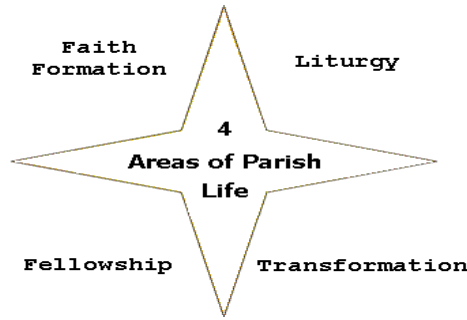




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**23rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
September 8 - 9, 2018**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Sept 13th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Sept 15th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Nora Somers by Shirley Ellement
Sunday	Sept 16th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Rose Weatherdon by The Family Roberta Farnand by Isabel & Tom Laframboise James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate Special Intention by a Parishioner

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Aug 1-2 - Sunday Collection	\$435.00	\$399.00
Aug 1-2 - Support	320.00	215.00

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop September, 2018

“Let us pray, that our Diocesan Christian community demonstrate unity in love, according to Our Lord’s will; that we achieve more and more areas of alliance between God, us and the world, and that in our midst occur many acts of mutual assistance, solidarity and sharing.”

Question I ask myself: What is my most important dream? What is significant to me? Do I keep a space for God’s dream?

FATHER ALBANUS REFLECTIONS on the SUNDAY LITURGY

He Heals our Spiritual Deafness and Muteness

In today's readings we are offered God's invitation to become humble instruments of healing in Jesus hands by giving voice to the voiceless and caring love to the needy and those at the fringe of our society. We are also invited to open our ear to hear the word of God and to let our tongues be loosened by the Holy Spirit to convey the message of God's love and salvation to others.

The **first reading** from the Prophet Isaiah reminds us that God's eyes are constantly focused on the helpless. God cares especially for the frightened, the blind, the deaf, the lame, the mute, and encourages the powerless to be strong and fearless. The Psalmist sings of God who gives sight to the blind, raises those who are bowed down and welcomes strangers.

In the same vein, St. James, in the **second reading** gives us some basic and challenging principles of social justice. He advises Christians to show no partiality based on external appearance and to practice God's preferential option for the poor. He warns the faithful against scorning or shaming the poor while showing special consideration to the rich. The **Gospel** narrates the miracle of the healing of the deaf-mute man. This story is more than a miracle story. It shows that Jesus is the fulfilment of the Old Testament promises, especially the one in Isaiah in the first reading Isaiah says: "The eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped." Our ever faithful God will open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf; the lame will leap like a stag and the tongue of the mute will sing. Jesus, in the gospel, is God acting in our midst. The ailments mentioned above are symbolic of our interior illnesses: the blindness to the needs of our neighbor, unwillingness to hear God's voice and inability to speak words of praise and gratitude. We live at a time when our society is highly noise-polluted. We are being constantly attacked by the multi-pronged noise of the media, leaving us deaf and insensitive to what is happening around us. The word of God does not seem to make any impression on us. Like the man in the Gospel, we need a face-to-face encounter with Jesus. That is why Jesus takes the deaf-mute away from the crowd, a gesture that has a profound meaning. Like the deaf-mute, we too need to come out of our familiar environment to encounter Jesus personally.

Jesus also puts His finger into the man's ears and his sense of hearing is restored and He touches the tongue of the man and he never ceases to praise the Lord in His goodness to him. Hence, our conversion too begins with our ability to listen to the word of God anew; and as we listen to the word of God and let it transform us, we cannot but proclaim the wonderful deeds of the Lord as this man does. We see in this story God's love in action; we see a concrete sign of the transforming power of God's love. The power of God's love is working in our lives to transform sorrow into joy, sickness into health, death into new life. The miracle points to the opening of a person's *ears* so that she/he may hear the word of God and the loosening of her/his *tongue* so that she/he may profess the faith in Jesus. A person may have perfect hearing and yet not hear the word of God, and perfect speech, and yet unable to make an act of faith. Jesus therefore invites us to give Him our hearts so that He may touch the lives of people in our days through us. We need to allow Him to heal our spiritual deafness and muteness. **Happy Sunday!**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ceremony at Cemetery: All are invited to St. Gregoire's Cemetery on Sunday, September 9 at 1:30 p.m. for the celebration to honor our departed loved ones.

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS

Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre: Next event is their "Octoberfest / fund raiser" to be held **Sunday September 16, 2018 (11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)** featuring *Jason Roos and Gretchen Visser*. Octoberfest style **lunch will be served from noon** at a reasonable price. **Concert starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for the concert** and available by calling Peter Cameron 819 986-7828, or any committee member or at the door. All are welcomed.

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OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Father Albanus:

Archbishop Paul-André Durocher has renewed Father Albanus' appointment as Administrator of both our parishes until August 31st 2021. This is good news, and we are grateful that Father has accepted to remain our Shephard for the next 3 years.

Our best wishes for him, is that the Lord may bless and guide him, as he faithfully carries out his duties.

Christmas Tea: Susan and Monique have come forward to convene our Christmas Tea on **Saturday, December 1 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Cost \$6.00.**

NEED HELP FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Entrance	2 people to collect entrance fee
Sandwiches	4-6 people to help make sandwiches on the Friday 2-4 people to cut and place on plates day of the Tea
Wash dishes	4 people the day of the tea
Set-up Hall	On the Friday
Food Table	4 people to price and collect day of the tea
Servers	5 to serve coffee & tea to our guests
Bric-Brac table	2 people to set-up table and price items
CRAFT table	Ladies will accept any donations. Please drop them off in the hall prior to the start of the tea.

Please call the office and advise Monique the job you would love to handle.

Cereal Bar Drive: A basket will be at the top of the stairs next Sunday for your donation of cereal bars for our students at Buckingham Elementary.

New Vicar-General: We are pleased to inform you that **Father Rodhain Kasuba-Malu** will be the new Vicar-General in our diocese, as of **September 1st**. He will succeed *Father Philippe Gendron* who was in office for more than fifteen years. On behalf of the Archbishop and diocesan team, we would like to welcome him and wish him success in his new ministry.



At every weekend mass at Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy, offerings are brought up to the altar. Do you know what we do with the food collected? The non-perishable food is delivered to the local food bank, **La mie de l'entraide**.

If everyone donated just one (1) non-perishable from our cupboards every week, what a beautiful gesture that would be from our two parishes!

THANKS FOR CARING AND SHARING!